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Oligomeric Matrix Protein

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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This Amendment After Final Rejection is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 10, 2003 in the above-identified application.

Please amend the application as follows: